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Dear Sister Adelaid

Having a few leisure moments to spend this evening I will gladly improve the time in writing to you to let you know that I have received your letter and was glad to hear from you so soon and to hear that you were well. I was very much pleased with Fred Picture I have not seen Mary yet and that Picture remain with me yet I am going up there soon and I will carry it up there before a great while it is awful cold here to night the south wind blows likewise thing it is awful lonesome here this winter and I wish that I could come to Mop. this winter but I guess we shall have to give it up. Mary has got a sour throat to day so Mother says she and Aunt Sophia has been up to Mr Isham a visiting and Mary was there she says she wish that she could come and see you this winter but Uncle Charles will not come down there. This winter I have got holt very strong my Arithmetic and I guess I shall go through.

Mother says she knows how to pity you in your trouble when you write to me you tell me where you direct your letters to Fred so I can write to him and we shall know where he is.

Aunt Sophia is enjoying good health and has got awful hand some baby she is 9 months old we call her Eliza Jane Houghton Jerome has got to be almost as large as any one he thinks he has known about as much as his father Tanner goes to school this winter she has got so she can read quite well and spell Uncle Fronks folks are as well as usual I believe

Well I have ~~not~~ got home from school and I will try and write these few lines out I have just got home and I have been a studying awfully hard we have got A prize in our school and I guess that the prize that I guess this will not be very Interesting to you Mother tells you to tell Uncle Milton folks to write to hear she says she wrote to Aunt Julia last and was a good long letter. The snow has gone all off and there is ~~now~~ now sleighing hear and it is dreadful cold. I shall be glad when it comes spring we shall go back to the old place I guess that Uncle Charles folks will stay hear another year, but ~~my~~ Mother and Lowel will go back and Lowel will carry on the place who are you going to have to carry on your place. Ferdinand will not be back to do the farming when ~~you~~ Ferdinand gets back you and he will come up hear and we will have a darned of a time Are you going to anywhere to Christmas I do not know whether I shall go any where or not but I wish that Mary and I could come down there and be there to Christmas I wish that you and the children could come up here this winter and make A visit but I dont suppose you can leave, Jane is with you, I know I suppose she is going to be married Tell her that her little Billy has gone to the war he went in the 22nd Ft Regiment,
you remember to write and tell me where to direct A letter they are all giving up about the they begin to think that the war is never ~~coming~~ going to

end. and it does seem that way that the first I have got to read a composition. and I want you should send me one to read I cant get one know when but again one and you make me up one and send it to me in your next letter tell Addie I want to see her and George awfuly. I suppose she has got to be as large as any one and in a few years she will coming to ~~the~~ Va. I want you should tell Jim Chapman to write me a letter.

Aunt Sophia want you should write about the folks that she is keeping with but Mr Springtons people. When you write a letter tell me Where Mahlon is now and what he is doing. Mother is going out to Huntington and have my picture taken and send it to you befor a great while. Mother thinks that Ferdinand picture looked very Natural.

Aunt Sophia and Mother went up to Uncle Frank's the other day and they had gone out on Fourth Street they said that Hughson was a little fat of a boy she said that he did not grow any at all and was not near as large as Jerome she said that Hughson eyse was as black he wanted to come down there but Uncle Frank says that he wants 2 or three boys to take care for him, as it is getting dark time I will wind these few lines to a close, please write as soon as you get this know this up as soon as you read this if you can read this,

This from your sister Susan Chapman

write soon

Please burn this up

Dear Cousin

Miss Jennie I will ~~you~~ wish you a Merry Christmas and humbly beg you pardon in thus addressing you but I thought I would write you a few lines so you would know that I am yet alive. I have thought some that I should see you up here this winter I have a faint hope that I shall now I should like to have you write to me you folks are all well I believe. Mary was at my house Thanksgiving you had ought to of been there. I guess I will not write anymore at present I will send you a peace of my dress. I suppose you intended has gon to the ~~war~~ war write and tell me all about it

this from you Cousin

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